

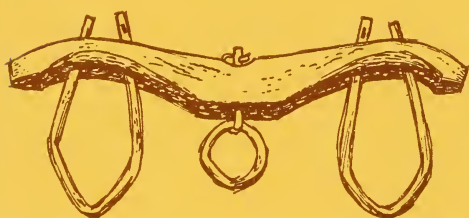
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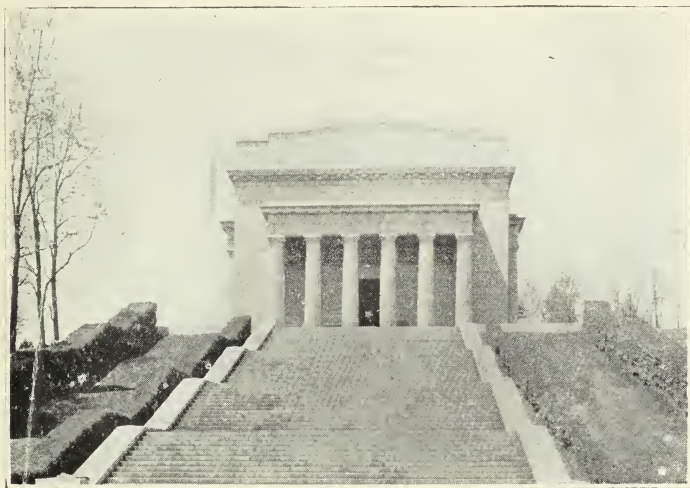
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The Hodgenville Chamber of Commerce

Invites You To Visit

The Lincoln Birthplace Memorial



At Hodgenville, Kentucky

“The Nation’s Shrine”

HOW TO GET THERE

By Railroad—Illinois Central—two trains daily, except Sunday: from Louisville, 7:30 A. M. and 12:10 P. M., change cars at Cecilia from main line to Hodgenville branch line: from Hodgenville, 5:35 A. M. and 12:01 P. M. Regular fare from Louisville to Hodgenville \$1.94.

By automobile from Louisville, by Jackson Highway, paved and gravel road, by Bardstown (40 miles), New Haven (54 miles), to Hodgenville, 66 miles. From Louisville, by Dixie Highway (U. S. Highway No. 31) and Elizabethtown and Hodgenville road, by West Point (20 miles), Camp Knox (31 miles), Elizabethtown (47 miles), to Hodgenville, (58 miles), Paved to point on Hodgenville and Elizabethtown road four miles from Hodgenville, remainder of road (4 miles) under construction, but to be completed this year (1927.)

By automobile from the South-Dixie Highway (U. S. No. 31) to intersection of this Highway with the Elizabethtown and Hodgenville road, at point two miles south of Elizabethtown, then by latter road to Hodgenville; or by Jackson Highway from Glasgow or Horse Cave, by way of Bear Wallow and Canmer. From Bear Wallow to the LaRue County line (12 miles south of Hodgenville) the Jackson Highway is rough but passable. Toll bridges across Green river, at Munfordville on the Dixie Highway and near Canmer on the Jackson Highway.

Regular automobile bus service between Hodgenville and Elizabethtown.

WHAT THERE IS TO SEE

1. THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL BUILDING, on the Jackson Highway, 2 1—2 miles south of Hodgenville, sheltering the log cabin in which Abraham Lincoln was born. Property of the United States and under control of the War Department. Open to visitors every day of the year. The Lincoln Farm, on which the Memorial Building stands, consists of 110 acres, and is part of a tract of 300 acres which was owned by Thomas Lincoln, the father of Abraham Lincoln, from December 1808 until 1816. It was purchased in 1905 by the late Robert J. Collier, who conveyed it in 1907 to the Lincoln Memorial Association, an organization of thousands of contributors to a fund solicited through Collier's Weekly for the purpose of erecting and caring for the Memorial. A card index of these contributors is kept in the Memorial Building. This building was erected at a cost of about a quarter of a million dollars. The corner stone was laid by President Theodore Roosevelt on the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, February 12, 1909, and the building was dedicated by President Taft on November 9, 1911. The property was turned over to the United States in the year 1916, together with an endowment fund of about \$50,000.00 for its upkeep, and was received by the Secretary of War, with an address by President Woodrow Wilson, on September 4, 1916.

2. THE SINKING SPRING, at the foot of the hill on which the Memorial Building is located, and just to the left of the steps leading up to the Memorial, was the source of domestic water supply of the Lincoln family. The original cabin, which is believed to have been built by David Vance, about the year 1805, owed its location to this spring.

3. THE LINCOLN STATUE AT HODGENVILLE was erected from appropriations of \$2,500.00 by the State of Kentucky, \$10,000.00 by the Congress of the United States, supplemented by private subscriptions to the amount of several hundred dollars. It is the work of A. A. Weinmann, of New York, a pupil of St. Gaudens, and was pronounced by Robert T. Lincoln to be a "noble statue" of his father. It was unveiled May 31, 1909, on which occasion the principal address was made by Henry Watterson.

4. THE LINCOLN KNOB CREEK FARM is on the Jackson Highway, six miles northeastwardly from Hodgenville and 1 1—4 miles from the bridge on the Highway at the foot of Muldraugh Hill. This is unmarked, except by a small sign of the Louisville Automobile Club. Here Thomas Lincoln lived from 1811 until his removal to Indiana, about November, 1816, listing 30 acres of the Knob Creek land in his name for taxation. Abraham Lincoln was nearly eight years old at the time of the removal of the family to Indiana. In his later years he said that "his earliest recollections were of the Knob Creek place".

5. THE SITE OF THE SCHOOL HOUSE where Abraham Lincoln attended school under Caleb Hazel and Zachary Riney is on the Highway about two miles east of the Lincoln Knob Creek Farm. Supposed site of school house marked by sign of Louisville Automobile Club.

OTHER INTERESTING THINGS

Within the corporate limits of Hodgenville, where the dam is across Nolynn Creek, is the site of Robert Hodgen's Mill (established in 1788), where it is claimed Abraham Lincoln went to mill, and near by was the Hodgen home, which for many years before Hodgenville was established as a town (1818) was a well known inn or "ordinary", in which many notables were entertained, including the French traveler Michaux, in January, 1796, and the exiled Prince Louis Phillippe, in April, 1797.

Two miles east of Hodgenville, just off the Jackson Highway, is the old STONE HOUSE, which was erected early in the last century, and which Abraham Lincoln is reported to have said was one of the few objects in Kentucky which he remembered from his childhood.

A mile and a half south from the STONE HOUSE, and a quarter of a mile off the road leading from the Jackson Highway to the Leafdale post-office, is the site of LITTLE MOUNT CHURCH (now down), of which William Down was pastor at the time the Lincoln family lived on Knob Creek, and of which Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks Lincoln are believed to have been members. It is thought that the infant brother of Lincoln is buried in the old graveyard at LITTLE MOUNT.

About twenty miles south of Hodgenville and three miles off the Jackson Highway from Dowagiac post-office, is the site of old AETNA FURNACE, which was an important industrial center from about 1818 until about 1850. Little is to be seen there except the substantial old brick house erected by Jacob Holderman, the first proprietor of the Furnace.

On the north side of Green River, between the Jackson Highway and the Dixie Highway is GLEN LILY, the former home of General Simon Boliver Buckner, and the remains of the old Buckner furnace, of which the General's father was one of the owners.

AT ELIZABETHTOWN, where Thomas Lincoln lived before his removal to the Sinking Spring Farm, there is a marker in the court house yard in memory of Sarah Bush Lincoln, the President's step-mother who was married to Thomas Lincoln in Elizabethtown in 1818. The site of the Sarah Bush home in Elizabethtown is indicated by a tablet on a garage building half a block north of the Court House. Many interesting records pertaining to Thomas Lincoln may be seen in the Court House at Elizabethtown.

Four miles east of New Haven is the interesting TRAPPIST ABBEY OF GETHSEMANI.

At Bardstown, one of the oldest towns in Kentucky, is the Rowan homestead, now owned by the State, and known as the "OLD KENTUCKY HOME", where Foster wrote his famous song. This is open to the public (admission twenty five cents).

THE BARDSTOWN CATHOLIC CHURCH (formerly Cathedral), with its rare paintings, said to have been presented to the Church by Louis Phillippe, is open to visitors at certain hours.

THE JOHN FITCH MONUMENT on public square, Bardstown.

MAMMOTH CAVE is fifty miles south of Hodgenville and ten miles west of the Dixie Highway.

Hotels and Restaurants in Hodgenville

Lynn Hotel (north side of Public Square) Modern equipment. American Plan.

O'Bryan's Hotel and Restaurant (east side of Public Square). Modern equipment. European plan.

George-Ann Restaurant (west side of Main Street).

Lincoln Hotel and Boarding House (Near I. C. Depot).

(Large parties should make arrangements in advance for accommodations at hotels.)

Lincoln Souvenirs in Hodgenville—

Ladies Lincoln League.

Smith's Drug Store (west side of Main Street).

Goff's Drug Store (east side of Main Street).

B. Shacklette, Jeweler (north side of Public Square).

Taxi Service in Hodgenville—

Hugh Ray.

Pete Kennedy

THE LADIES LINCOLN LEAGUE, of Hodgenville is a voluntary association of ladies which has for its object the care and preservation of the Lincoln memorials in and about Hodgenville. It also maintains the Lincoln League Public Library, for which it is pleased to receive literature pertaining to Lincoln.

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